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Sent:

Tuesday, October 06, 2009 10:43 AM

To:

Morency, Paula J.

Subject:

RE: Wyndham Drake Oak Brook

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Dear Paula,

Attached is a copy of our motion to place Crestmoor in possession, together with notice of presentation. The motion and notice were served with the complaint.

I have a message in to John Rowland, who is out of town today. I'm attaching an email I received from him, which included a draft termination letter from Wyndham to the Owner. Based upon my review of the draft termination letter, I had already planned to continue the motion to early November.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 10:01 AM

To: 'glurie@chennelsonroberts.com' Subject: Wyndham Drake Oak Brook

Dear Gerry,

Attached is a copy of the letter that Wyndham sent to John Rowland yesterday. Thanks for the meads up about your motion to place Crestmoor in possession of the premises -- we did not find such a motion in the court's file, and would like to review and respond before it is heard, in view of Wyndham's rights under the non-disturbance agreement. I understand that you already have a copy of that agreement, and will enter and continue the motion on Thursday, pending further discussions with us and with Regions.

Meanwhile, please let me know if you have any questions about Wyndham's letter, and

Meanwhile, please let me know if you have any questions about Wyndham's letter, and whether we should be talking to you or John about the hotel management going forward. Best regards -- Paula

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CRESTMOOR ONE, LLC,	)
Plaintiff,	) ) ) )
VS.	) No. 2009 CH 004339
DRAKE OAK BROOK HOLDINGS, LLC, SIEBERT ENGINEERS, INC., TVS INTERIORS, INC., THOMPSON, VENTULETT, STAINBACK & ASSOCIATES, INC., ANCHOR MECHANICAL, INC., EXCLUSIVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., CONTINENTAL WALL SYSTEMS GROUP, INC and UNKNOWN OWNERS,	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )
Defendants	)

## PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR ORDER PLACING PLAINTIFF IN POSSESSION OF MORTGAGED PREMISES

Plaintiff Crestmoor One LLC ("Crestmoor"), by Chen Nelson Roberts Ltd, its attorneys, moves this Court pursuant to section 15-1706 of the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law ("IMFL") to enter an Order placing Crestmoor in possession of the mortgaged real estate, and in support hereof, states:

- 1. The mortgaged real estate is nonresidential and is located at 2301 York Road, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523. The real estate is improved with a hotel known as the Wyndham Drake Oakbrook Hotel (the "Hotel"), featuring approximately one hundred and sixty guest rooms, meeting facilities, a health club, a restaurant and related facilities.
- 2. The Mortgagor is Defendant Drake Oakbrook Holdings, LLC ("Mortgagor"). Mortgagor is an affiliated entity of Wextrust Capital Group, LLC and Alexa Hospitality LLC. On September 11, 2008, in the lawsuit entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Steven Byers

pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York as Case No. 08 Civ. 7104 (DC), a Receiver was appointed to take control of all properties within the control of the defendants, including the Hotel. On May 1, 2009, an Order was entered in the lawsuit, granting the Receiver's motion to relinquish his interest in the Hotel, and lifting the stay of the previously entered stay of foreclosure proceedings against the Hotel. A true and correct copy of this Order is appended hereto as Exhibit 1.

- 3. The Hotel is currently managed by Wyndham Hotel Management, Inc. (WHM"), pursuant to a Hotel Management Agreement dated January 10, 2008 between WHM and Drake Oak Brook Holdings, Inc., an affiliate of Mortgagor. Pursuant to the terms of the Hotel Management Agreement, WHM is currently collecting the revenue generated from the operation of the Hotel and applying the revenue to the expenses of the operation of the Hotel. The Hotel has been averaging approximately 30% occupancy on a daily basis, and the revenue generated by the Hotel has been insufficient to pay all of the expenses. Crestmoor's predecessor in interest has made protective advances to WHM in order to sustain the operation of the Hotel.
- 4. Subsection (b)(2) of section 15-1701 of the IMFL, which applies to nonresidential real estate, provides in pertinent part that, if the court is satisfied that there is a reasonable probability that the mortgagee will prevail on a final hearing of the cause, "the mortgagee shall upon request be placed in possession of the real estate," unless the mortgagor objects and shows good cause. 735 ILCS 5/15-1701(b)(2); see Mellon Bank v. Midwest Bank & Trust Co., 265 III. App. 3d 859, 866 (1st Dist. 1993). There is a "statutory presumption in favor of plaintiff to possession of the mortgaged premises." Travelers Ins. Co. v. LaSalle Nat'l Bank, 200 III. App. 3d 139, 146 (2d Dist. 1990); see Mellon Bank, 265 III. App. 3d at 867. "[T]he presumptive right to possession during foreclosure lies with the mortgagee of nonresidential real estate. . . . [A]

nonresidential mortgagee [has] no obligation to allege misdeeds or omissions on the part of the mortgagors in order to be placed in possession. . . . [W]hether the mortgagee is 'adequately protected' is not a relevant consideration under the statute." *Travelers*, 200 III. App. 3d at 143-44.

- 5. Subsection (a) of section 15-1706 of the IMFL provides that a request that the mortgagee be placed in possession or that a receiver be appointed may be made by motion and shall be supported by affidavit or other sworn pleading. 735 ILCS 5/¶15-1706(a).
- 6. "To be placed in possession, the petitioner must show a reasonable likelihood of success on the merits, which ordinarily is established by showing a default." *Fed. Land Bank v. Walker*, 212 III. App. 3d 420, 424 (5<sup>th</sup> Dist. 1991); *accord Mellon Bank*, 265 III. App. 3d at 869.
- 7. This motion is supported by Crestmoor's verified complaint, wherein Crestmoor alleges the mortgagor's default: failure to make payments due under the note commencing in September 2008. The Mortgage provides for the placement of the Mortgagee in possession (Compl. Ex. A, 5.1(c)(iii)) §22). Crestmoor has "duly satisfied the requirements entitling it to be placed in possession of the mortgaged premises." *Travelers*, 200 Ill. App. 3d at 146.
- 8. WHM and Crestmoor's predecessor in interest have negotiated a termination of the Hotel Management Agreement, effective September 30, 2009. Upon the effective date of the termination of the Hotel Management Agreement, Crestmoor intends to cease the operation of the Hotel, and to secure the mortgaged real estate and the personal property situated thereon pending further developments in the foreclosure proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Crestmoor One moves for an order placing it in possession of the

mortgaged real estate.

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By:\_

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

Plaintiff,

- against -

STEVEN BYERS, JOSEPH SHERESHEVSKY, WEXTRUST CAPITAL, LLC, WEXTRUST EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC, WEXTRUST DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, WEXTRUST SECURITIES, LLC, and AXELA HOSPITALITY, LLC,

Defendants,

and -

ELKA SHERESHEVSKY,

Relief Defendant.

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### PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING RECEIVER'S MOTION TO RELINQUISH INTEREST IN THE WYNDHAM DRAKE PROPERTY

On the motion (the "Motion") of Timothy J. Coleman, duly appointed receiver herein (the "Receiver"), to Relinquish Interests in the Wyndham Drake and Crowne Plaza Phoenix properties, the Court has considered (1) the Court's Amended Order Appointing Temporary Receiver, dated September 11, 2008 (the "Receivership Order"), appointing the Receiver as receiver to Wextrust Capital, LLC; Wexford Equity Partners, LLC; Wexford Development Group, LLC, n/k/a Wexford Development, LLC; Wextrust Securities, LLC; and Axela Hospitality, LLC (collectively the "Wextrust Entities") and various entities owned by or under the control of the Wextrust Entities (the "Wextrust Affiliates"); (2) the Order on Consent Imposing Preliminary Injunction and Other Relief

Exhibit 1

Against Defendants and Relief Defendant entered by this Court on October 24, 2008 and incorporating the Receivership Order by reference ("Preliminary Injunction Order"); (3) the Memorandum of Law in Support of Receiver's Motion to Relinquish Interests in the Wyndham Drake and Crowne Plaza Phoenix Properties ("Memorandum of Law"); (4) the Declaration of Mitchell P. Kahn in Support of Receiver's Motion to Relinquish Interests in the Wyndham Drake and Crowne Plaza Phoenix Properties; (5) the Declaration of Mark S. Radke in Support of Receiver's Motion to Relinquish Interests in the Wyndham Drake and Crowne Plaza Phoenix Properties; and (6) the Declaration of John Sordillo in Support of Receiver's Motion to Relinquish Interests in the Wyndham Drake and Crowne Plaza Phoenix Properties and the exhibits attached thereto.

Based on the foregoing, the Court finds that a proper showing has been made for the relief granted herein because (a) the Wyndham Drake Hotel, as described in the Memorandum of Law and the supporting declarations, is of no or inconsequential value to the receivership estate; (b) the Receiver, in the exercise of his discretion and after consultation with his advisors, has determined that no sale or other transaction can be effected that will result in any monetary return or other benefit to outside private placement investors in Drake Oak Brook Investors, LLC ("Drake Oak Brook Investors") or to the receivership estate; and (c) continued ownership of the Wyndham Drake Hotel will result in continued expenses to the receivership estate without any source of reimbursement to the estate.

The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this motion and good and sufficient notice of this motion has been provided to all parties entitled thereto pursuant to the Court's prior orders.

#### NOW THEREFORE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Receiver's motion is granted in all respects and objections, if any, are overruled to the extent that such objections have not been previously withdrawn, waived, or settled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the Receivership Order, the Receiver, acting on behalf of Drake Oak Brook Investor, LLC, has the authority to relinquish interests in the Wyndham Drake Hotel and those interests are hereby relinquished.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as of the date of the entry of this Order,

Drake Oak Brook Investors, the Receiver and the receivership estate are relieved of any
further management or funding responsibility of any kind or nature with respect to the

Wyndham Drake Hotel or any related property owned by Drake Oak Brook Investors,

LLC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding the foregoing, this Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any claims or causes of action asserted by Regions Bank or its affiliates or nominees, or any party-in-interest against Drake Oak Brook Investors or any of the Wextrust Entities or Affiliates, or the receivership estate generally relating to the Wyndham Drake.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver is hereby authorized, in his sole discretion, to enter into and execute any documents he may deem appropriate in relinquishing the Wyndham Drake hotel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court modifies the litigation stay set forth on page 6 of the Receivership Order and, to the extent applicable, the Court's Order

Freezing Assets dated August 11, 2008, to permit the mortgage lender Regions Bank or any secured creditor to proceed with a foreclosure action or to take such other legal action as it deems appropriate to obtain title to the Wyndham Drake Hotel; *provided*, *however*, nothing in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed to permit Regions Bank or any party-in-interest with rights to take legal action against any other property held or controlled by the Wextrust Entities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver, as an alternative to judicial foreclosure, is authorized, in his sole discretion, to enter into a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure or similar agreement with Regions Bank or any secured creditor, and enter into and execute such other agreement or documentation as may be necessary to effect the transfer of title to the Wyndham Drake.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms of the Order shall be binding upon the Receiver, any and all Wextrust Entities and Affiliates, the defendants in the SEC enforcement action, any investor in Drake Oak Brook Investors, LLC, Regions Bank, any other person receiving actual notice of the motion, any other holder of a claim against or interest in the receivership estate, and any affiliates, successors, or assigns of any of the foregoing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding any motion for reconsideration or time for appeal, the terms of this Order shall be immediately enforceable.

SO ORDERED

Dated: March 2009

New York, New York

Hon. Denny Chin

United States District Judge